



Rolling Hills  
Community Association



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## RHCA February Newsletter

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# News & Updates



### RHCA Board Reorganization

At the January 25, 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors reorganized  
& will serve as follows for 2024:

President: Fred Lorig  
Vice President: Annie Occhipinti  
Secretary: Anne Smith  
Treasurer: David McKinnie  
Assistant Secretary: Ty Bobit



### EROSION CONTROL



Do you have a steep bare slope on your property?

With continued rain in the forecast for the Spring, tarping saturated and bare hillsides with plastic sheathing and sand bags is a quick and effective way to help protect an exposed slope.



## Gate Arm Safety

Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, three residents have had collisions with the resident entry lane gate arms. It's important to know that the gate arms are constructed of heavy gauge aluminum tubing and they are not very forgiving when struck by a vehicle. Though the gate arms are designed to break away when struck, the arm usually bends beyond use and the arm can still cause considerable damage to a vehicle. The cost of replacing a gate arm is roughly \$750.00 but if the collision damages the mechanical housing unit, the cost can go up to over \$4,000.00.

When a gate arm is hit, RHCA reviews video footage of the accident. An Accident Report is filled out by the gate staff and the driver's contact & insurance information are taken down. If it is determined that the driver was at fault, they are responsible for the full cost of the repair or replacement.

Here are some **tips** when entering through a gate:

- 1) Please be cautious when approaching the gate arms and don't assume that it will rise when you approach them, sometimes the transponder unit functions slower than expected.
- 2) The gate arms all have lighting which indicates if the arm is up or down, just like a traffic signal; it's red when you should stop and green when you should go.
- 3) Always look through the right side of your windshield to make sure the gate arm is fully in the UP position before proceeding.
- 4) If your transponder doesn't work, tap your horn to get the GSR's attention so they can assist you.



**Drains:  
Please Do Not Block Road Drains**



Road drains have been engineered and designed to take water from the streets to the natural drainage courses. Blocking a drain can overwhelm other downhill drains and cause damage.

## What about Weeds?



With our wet winter and Spring on it's way, we are likely to have a lot of wildflowers and weeds come spring and summer. Spring's flowers quickly turn into dry grass in the summer heat. We recommend getting an early start on weed abatement, so it is not a problem in the summer.

The RHCA does weed abatement on the trails, at the riding rings and along the roadsides of the major streets (Crest and Portuguese Bend Road), but it is your responsibility to care for your own property. We would appreciate it if you or your gardener could cut back along the frontage for your property.

Weeds should be cut to 3" or shorter to meet Fire Code requirements.



## Registering Your Vehicle with the RHCA



# RHCA VEHICLE REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Association member owned vehicles are authorized to enter through the resident entry lane of each gate after the vehicle is registered with the RHCA office and a transponder is installed on the vehicle.

## To obtain a transponder, please bring the following to the RHCA office:

- Property Owner Registered Vehicles:

New or used purchased vehicles: Provide registration, temporary registration (located on the windshield of the vehicle) or sales contractor.

Leased Vehicles: Provide lease agreement.

Rental Cars: Transponders are not installed on rental vehicles. Provide rental contact and RHCA will issue temporary vehicle entry pass.

- Company Vehicles: If the vehicle is registered under your company's name, provide documentation showing you are the owner of said company.
- Non-Owner Registered Vehicles: Transponders may only be issued to non-owner resident vehicles (i.e. people who live at the property: adult children, renters, people who reside at the property full time) with approval of the property owner or lease agreement and registration. Transponders are no longer issued for caretakers, family members or frequent visitors.

A \$200 refundable deposit is required for each non-owner resident registered vehicle. This deposit is refunded in full when access is no longer needed, or because the non-member resident moves out of the city or purchases a home.

- Resident Minor or Dependent Children of Members: Resident minors who reside at the property or are in school full-time can obtain a transponder with property owner approval and registration. No deposit is required for minors or adult children in school.

The vehicle must be physically at the RHCA office so RHCA staff can install transponder.

Transponders can be installed during business hours;  
Monday – Thursday 7:30AM – 4:45PM  
Fridays 7:30AM-Noon

Transponders cannot be installed on rainy days.

It is recommend that the vehicle not be washed for 24-48 hours after the transponder is installed.



## Women's Club Spring Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24th 1-3PM

THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB  
OF ROLLING HILLS PRESENTS  
**OUR SPRING  
EGG HUNT PARTY**

**Peter Cottontail + Mopsy, Entertainment and Refreshments!**

**MARCH 24, 2024 | 1PM-3PM**

**THE OCCHIPINTIS'  
34 CREST ROAD EAST**

**FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN (under 10)  
OF ROLLING HILLS RESIDENTS**

**Please RSVP (w/ # of kids + ages) to  
[wccrhrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:wccrhrsvp@gmail.com)**

**BRING YOUR OWN BASKET  
AND REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE**

**FIRST AGE GROUP EGG HUNT  
STARTS PROMPTLY AT 1:30 PM**



**Need a New Mailbox?  
RHCA is Having a Sale!**



For the month of February, RHCA is offering a \$25 discount on all in-stock mailboxes.

We offer 2 styles:

Traditional Rural (non-locking): Originally \$175, **Sale Price \$150**

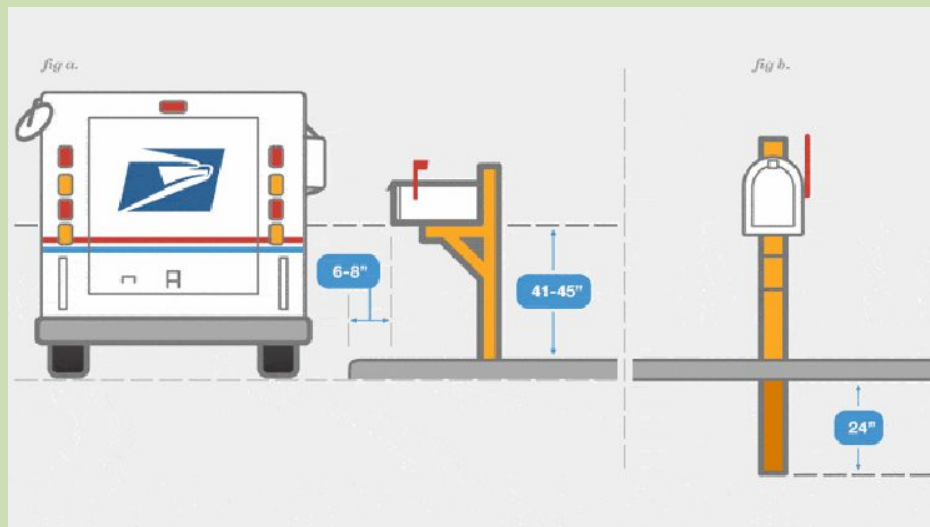
Large Locking: Originally \$225, **Sale Price \$200**

Both styles are available in white or black.

Homeowners are responsible for the 4x4 wood post & installation.



## Mail Box Installation Guidelines



### Look for Postmaster General's Seal and Get RHCA Approval

Make sure any mailbox you purchase has the Postmaster General's (PMG) seal of approval. It is a good idea to contact the RHCA office prior to purchasing a new mailbox to confirm that your selected mailbox is an approved style. For your convenience, approved mailboxes are available for purchase at the RHCA office.

### Placing the Mailbox

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when installing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb.

- Put your house number on the mailbox.
- If your mailbox is on a different street from your house, put your full street address on the box

### Installing the Post

The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

- A 4" x 4" wooden post or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe. Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts.
- Bury your post no more than 24" deep.



## Rolling Hills – The Early Years



### Did You Know?

Before Rolling Hills was developed, there were almost no trees between Crest Road & Palos Verdes Drive North. The area that is now Rolling Hills was used for cattle ranching and growing hay.

A early sale incentive was that a mature olive tree was given with every acre of land purchased (up to five trees).



Here is a photo of the first big tree being moved into the city.

*Not many trees this large were moved in those days. It is going through the Rolling Hills gate - a salesman for the Palos Verdes Corporation is watching intently... Forty years [85 years] ago we did not have the mechanical gates we have today. The left-hand gate was opened and closed by a series of pulleys and window-sash cords.*

A.E. Hanson, 1978, *Rolling Hills The Early Years*



**DATES  
TO  
REMEMBER**



Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday, February 29th	Leap Year		
Tuesday, March 5th	Architectural Committee Meeting	RHCA Office	4:00PM
Wednesday, March 6th	City Green Waste Pick Up	City Wide	
Thursday, March 7th	Board of Directors Meeting	RHCA Office	7:30AM
Sunday, March 10th	Daylight Saving Time		
Wednesday, March 13th	City Bulky Item Pick Up	City Wide	
Tuesday, March 19th	Architectural Committee Meeting	RHCA Office	4:00PM
Thursday, March 21st	Board of Directors Meeting	RHCA Office	7:30PM
Saturday, March 23rd	City Shred & E-Waste Event	City Hall Parking Lot	10AM - 1PM
Sunday, March 24th	Easter Egg Hunt	34 Crest Road East	1-3PM

## Weekly

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Tuesdays Thursdays Sundays	Pickleball Drop In	Court 1	8:30am
Tuesdays	Tai Chi	RHCA Lawn	11:30am
Tuesdays	Tennis Tuesdays	Court 2	6:00pm



## Important Phone Numbers

**RHCA Office:** (310) 544-6222  
[info@rhca.net](mailto:info@rhca.net)

**Main Gate:**(310) 377-4318  
**Crest Gate:** (310) 377-1868  
**Eastfield Gate:** (310) 732-1309

**City Hall:** (310) 377-1521

**Republic Trash Service:** (800) 299-4898  
(310) 308-0359 (Text)  
[rollinghills@republicservices.com](mailto:rollinghills@republicservices.com)

**L.A. Co. Building & Safety:** (310) 534-3760

**So. Cal. Edison:** (800) 655-4555

[Edison Outage Map](#)

**Gas Co.:** (800) 427-2200

**Water Co.:** (310) 257-1400

**Vector Control:** (800) 825-3400

**Animal Control:** (310) 523-9566

**In an emergency, please call 911**

For non-emergencies:

**FIRE STATION:** (310) 679-1131

**SHERIFF:** (310) 539-1661

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